

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will be talking about what pirates do and whether their way of life is a good choice of behaviour. They will be listening to the story of The Rainbow Fish who learnt to share his shiny scales with other fish so that he could make friends. They will be talking about ways to share and how to be good friends. The Nursery staff and Autumn intake children will be helping the January intake to settle in, to get used to routines and to enjoy coming to Nursery.

Literacy

The children will be discussing characters and events in stories about pirates and sea creatures. Staff will help children to retell stories they have heard by playing with puppets, dressing up or using the small world toys. There will be opportunities for mark making such as drawing or painting pictures of pirates. Children will be encouraged to talk about marks they make as they write labels on treasure maps, messages in a bottle and pirate wanted posters.

Maths

The children will be practising counting out coins into treasure chests. Staff will help them to start to match numerals to the groups of coins. The children will be practising counting on and back using rhymes such as Ten Little Pirates. Staff will teach children through rhymes and activities that a group of objects changes in amount if some are added or taken away. The children will be able to practise their number skills using an interactive game called Underwater Counting.

Physical Development

The children will be learning to handle tools and materials through cooking sessions such as making pirate cupcakes, sea life biscuits, pirate pizzas or fishcakes. They will be practising their gross motor skills such as climbing, jumping and landing safely. They will be practising holding a pencil or a crayon correctly.

Communication and Language

The children will be listening to and discussing stories such as Pirate Pete, Teatime for Pirates, Bedtime Mi Hearties and Rainbow Fish to the Rescue. They will be learning to follow instructions as part of cooking activities. They will be helped to extend their vocabulary by naming and describing some of the creatures that live under the sea.

F1 Curriculum Overview- Spring 1

Theme: Pirates & Under the Sea



Understanding the World

The children will be learning about people and places. They will be finding out what pirates wear, what they might say, what a pirate ship is like and what jobs pirates might have to do on board. They will learn about what features there might be on a treasure island such as beaches, palm trees, forests, lakes and waterfalls.

The children will also be investigating materials. Linked to the idea of pirate ships, the children will be able to explore materials in the water tray to see what floats and what sinks. Linked to the idea of treasure, the children will investigate pirate loot to see which objects they can pick up with a magnet.

The children will be learning about living things. Staff will teach them to name and describe some of the many different creatures that live under the sea.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will listen to the song Under the Sea. They will then have opportunities to choose instruments to make their own underwater music. The children will be able to choose resources to make under the sea themed pictures.

Linked to the theme of pirates, the children will be able to select materials to make objects such as pirate puppets, ships, flags, hats, treasure bottles and maps. They will be able to shape play dough to make pirate faces.

As part of imaginative play, the children will be able to take on the role of pirates as they use the large construction materials in the outdoor area to build ships to sail in.

The children will explore changes in texture as they make pirate biscuits and cakes.